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MS PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)
according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): TOYOSHIMA, Haruko; OKUDA, Yasuyuki

For: DISPOSABLE DIAPER CAPABLE OF BEING PUT ON EITHER FROM
THE FRONT OR THE BACK OF A WEARER

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Nineteen (19) pages
- Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119
based on Application No(s). 2002-218964 and 2003-027634 filed in
JAPAN on July 26, 2002 and February 4, 2003.
 - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 2002-218964 and 2003-027634 filed in JAPAN on July 26, 2002 and February 4, 2003, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

b. --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Preliminary Amendment

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

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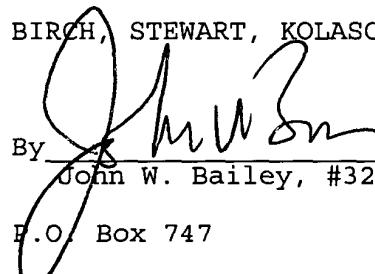
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